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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY  
EXAMINERS

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS  
COMMITTEE OF THE STATE BOARD OF  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF  
THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

Ron McLean, Ph.D., LPC  
License No. 37PC00033700

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL  
COUNSELING IN THE  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened before the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Committee"), upon review of allegations that respondent as an Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Licensed Professional Counselor Program at Kean University used the university e-mail system to solicit his graduate students for a private online distribution business that sold health and wellness products. Between 2006 and 2007 respondent taught the counseling supervision course at Kean University.

Respondent appeared pro se before the Committee on April 2, 2009. Respondent admitted that during July 2007 he invited several of his graduate students at Kean University to join an online

distribution business that sold health and wellness products. Respondent stated that one student initially responded to his email, but none of the students joined the business venture. Respondent admitted that he could have benefitted financially if any of students had joined the business. Respondent stated that Kean University investigated the same allegations, that he was issued a written warning, required to attend an ACA or NJCA approved ethics workshop and submit an attendance certificate to the university. Respondent stated that he resigned his faculty position at Kean University and is not currently teaching professional counseling. Respondent stated that presently he is practicing professional counseling in a private practice located in Metuchen, New Jersey. Respondent acknowledged that by trying to engage in a business venture with his students, he engaged in inappropriate conduct and that such conduct resulted in a dual relationship with his students and in boundary violations.

It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings and the Committee finding this Consent Order to be adequately protective of the public interest, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 4th DAY OF June, 2009  
ORDERED:

1. Respondent is reprimanded for engaging in professional misconduct, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) based on the conduct described above.

2. Respondent shall cease and desist supervising any individual with whom his objectivity or professional judgment may be compromised, including but not limited to an individual with whom he is engaging in a financial or business relationship, in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:34-13.1(f) and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

3. Respondent shall cease and desist discussing financial or business ventures with his students, clients and or their family members.

4. Respondent shall take the Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor Credential Examination and shall submit written documentation to the Committee, on or before December 31, 2010, that he successfully passed the Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor Credential Examination.

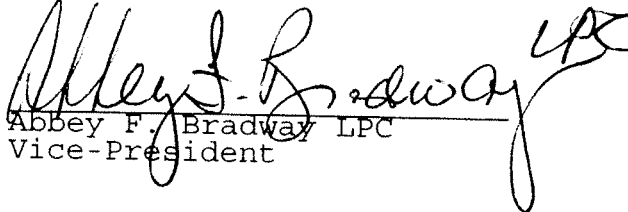
5. Respondent shall fully attend and successfully complete a six hour in-person (not a distance learning or internet program) course pre-approved by the Committee in ethics and boundary issues. Respondent shall submit written documentation to the Committee, on or before September 1, 2009 that he fully attended and successfully completed the course.

6. Respondent shall pay civil penalties in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) of which one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) shall be paid contemporaneously with the signing of this Order and four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) shall be stayed in accordance with this paragraph. Payment shall be by certified check or money order payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey and submitted to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, P.O. Box 45044, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Three years following the entry of this Order providing that respondent complies with all of the terms of the Consent Order, respondent shall submit written documentation to the Executive Director of the Committee that he has fully complied with all of the terms of the Consent Order and the stayed portion of the civil penalty shall be vacated.

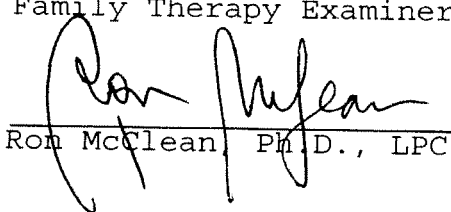
7. Failure to remit payment as required by this Order will result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt and such other proceedings as are permitted by law.

8. Any deviation from the terms of this Order without prior written consent of the Committee shall be grounds for disciplinary action as the Committee may determine and may constitute grounds for new charges that may result in the suspension or revocation of respondent's license.

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS  
COMMITTEE OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE  
BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY  
EXAMINERS

  
Abbey F. Bradway LPC  
Vice-President

I have read the above order and I understand and agree to abide by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee of the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners to enter this Order.

  
Ron McClean, Ph.D., LPC

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